

Town of Jonesport



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To: James Foster, P.E.

Bridge Management Engineer

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From: Town of Jonesport Selectmen

RE: Letter of support for the replacement of the Beals Island Bridge

Dear James:

The Town of Jonesport, Board of Selectmen voted unanimously at their May 6th, 2015 meeting to send a letter of support for the replacement of the Beals Island Bridge. The bridge was built in 1958 and is in need of replacement and an increase in size.

The Selectmen wish to express how important this new bridge will be to the economy of this region. This bridge is a connector between Beals Island and the Town of Jonesport. As it will be wider and have a safe pedestrian walk on each side, they anticipate that foot and bicycle traffic will increase, thus drawing visitors to the area.

The local School District depends on this bridge for transporting students from Beals Island to Jonesport by bus several times a day. At present, the width of the bridge is barely adequate to allow a car and bus to pass on the bridge.

Thank you for your efforts to fund replacement of the bridge through the 2015 TIGER Grant program.

Sincerely,

Dwight E. Alley

Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Town of Jonesport